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(U) San Diego – Two Gang Members Receive Life Sentences

(U) The prosecution of a violent group of San Diego gang members ended yesterday with life sentences for two of its members. Marcus Anthony Foreman and Jermaine Cook were the last to be sentenced in San Diego federal court for their roles in a racketeering conspiracy that included murder, drug trafficking and robbery. Their clique was part of the massive West Coast Crips gang, which claims a wide territory in central San Diego. Dozens of others were also charged in the investigation, and most pleaded guilty before trial.

SOURCE: 22 September 2016, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) Sunnyvale – Yahoo Confirms 500 Million Account Data Breach

(U) Computer hackers swiped personal information from at least 500 million Yahoo accounts in what is believed to be the biggest digital break-in at an email provider. The massive security breakdown disclosed yesterday dates back to late 2014. Yahoo didn't explain what took so long to uncover a heist that it blamed on a "state-sponsored actor" — parlance for a hacker working on behalf of a foreign government.

SOURCE: 22 September 2016, [Associated Press](#)

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(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Probe of Leaked NSA Hacking Tools Examines Operative's 'Mistake'

(U) Washington – A US investigation into a leak of hacking tools used by the National Security Agency is focusing on a theory that one of its operatives carelessly left them available on a remote computer and Russian hackers found them, four people with direct knowledge of the probe told Reuters. The tools, which enable hackers to exploit software flaws in computer and communications systems from vendors such as Cisco Systems and Fortinet Inc., were dumped onto public websites last month by a group calling itself Shadow Brokers.

SOURCE: 22 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Tennessee – Three Dead, Including Gunman, after Shooting at Factory

(U) Athens – An angry worker killed two of his bosses at an east Tennessee factory yesterday before turning the gun on himself, police said. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation identified the gunman as 45-year-old Ricky Swafford. Swafford's body was found in a bathroom with what "appears to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound." The Knoxville News Sentinel reported that all three were employees of Thomas & Betts Corp. Swafford had become angry during a meeting earlier in the day, left and came back with a firearm, police said.

SOURCE: 23 September 2016, [Fox News](#)

(U) Wyoming – Authorities Investigate Email Threat against Schools, State Building

(U) Cheyenne – An Albany County Sheriff reported an email containing threats against Wyoming cities, schools, state buildings and Cheyenne Regional Airport has been vetted and deemed not credible. The

Natrona County School District put out a news release saying the email was a hoax. Schools and state buildings across Wyoming took extra precautions yesterday after the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security forwarded an email and memo to local authorities. The email, sent anonymously, contained a bomb threat against Wyoming cities, schools, state buildings and Cheyenne Regional Airport.

SOURCE: 22 September 2016, [KTVQ](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Egypt – More Than 130 Bodies Recovered From Capsized Migrant Boat

(U) Burg Rashed – At least 133 bodies were recovered today from a boat carrying hundreds of migrants that capsized off Egypt two days earlier, Egyptian officials said. Security sources said there were almost 600 migrants aboard the boat. However, a survivor whose comments appeared in a video posted online said the migrants had been told that about 200 people would be on board, but that the smugglers had then added another 50, causing the boat to founder. Officials said the boat was carrying Egyptian, Sudanese, Eritrean and Somali migrants, and that they believed it was heading for Italy. Four members of the crew were arrested.

SOURCE: 23 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Germany – Montenegrin Admits to Smuggling Arms to Paris on Eve of Attacks

(U) Munich – A Montenegrin caught in Germany with a car full of weapons a week before November's attacks in Paris confessed at the start of his trial to acting as a gun runner, but denied knowing what was planned with the arsenal. The man in his early 50s, named by prosecutors only as Vlatko V., was stopped by police on 5 November on the motorway between Salzburg and Munich. His navigation system showed he had come from Montenegro via Croatia and Slovenia, and was heading to an address in Paris. Police found an arsenal of weapons hidden in his vehicle, including eight Kalashnikov assault rifles, pistols, hand grenades, explosives and detonators. Vlatko V. is charged with transporting the weapons to Paris for use in a serious but unspecified act of violence.

SOURCE: 23 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Man Accused of Smuggling Almost 6,000 Fentanyl Pills into the US

(U) Tijuana – A man from Tijuana was charged with smuggling nearly 6,000 fentanyl pills, disguised as oxycodone, into the US from Mexico. Jose Arturo Acevedo, 35, is accused of driving through the San Ysidro Port of Entry on 19 July with the fentanyl pills, as well as 55 pounds of methamphetamine, 24 pounds of cocaine and 12 pounds of heroin, prosecutors said. The drugs were concealed in 24 packages hidden in a speaker box behind the front passenger seat, according to a federal complaint.

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